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00001:01 February 10, 2020 10:46 AM POST-ARREST INTERVIEW

02 DURATION: (24 min 02 sec)

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05 PARTICIPANTS:

06 NED:

NEDELTCHO VLADIMIROV

07 FLEMING:

AGENT WADE FLEMING

08 SELBEE:

AGENT DEVON SELBEE

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11 FLEMING: Today is February 10, 2020, it's 10:46.

12 This is Resident Agent in Charge Wade Fleming,

U.S. Secret Service and Special Agent Devon Selbee,

14 U.S. Secret Service, conducting a interview

15 post-arrest of Ned, Ned will you say your last name?

16 NED: Vladimirov.

17 FLEMING: Vladimirov. And will you give us your date of birth?

18 NED: ***REDACTED***

19 FLEMING: Ok and your Social Security Number?

20 NED: ***REDACTED***

21 FLEMING: Ok, great. We previously read you your Miranda

22 rights before we came here, but we will read those

again for ya and ask you to sign, sign that you've

heard those and they have been read to ya, ok?

25 NED: Ok.

	00002:01	SELBEE:	Alright you must understand your rights before we
	02		ask you any questions. You have the right to remain
	03		silent. Anything you say can and will be used
	04		against you in court of law. You have the right to
	05		talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while
	06		you are being questioned. If you cannot afford to
	07		hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent
	08		you before any questioning, if you wish. You can
	09		decide at any time to stop the questioning and not
	10		answer any questions or make any statements.
	11		Do you understand your rights?
	12	NED:	Yea.
	13	SELBEE:	Are you willing to waive these rights
	14		and talk to us?
	15	NED:	I guess I can talk to you.
•	16	SELBEE:	Ok. Go ahead right there where it says signature
	17		- that top line - it says signature of advisee.
	18		Go ahead and sign that for me please.
	19	FLEMING:	Do people commonly call ya Ned?
	20	NED:	Yes.
	21	FLEMING:	Ok, do you mind if we call you Ned today?
	22	NED:	No problem.
	23	FLEMING:	Alright. Your date of birth was
	24	NED:	***REDACTED***
	25	FLEMING:	What color are your eyes?

00003:01 NED: Blue.

02 FLEMING: Blue. And your hair, before it's

03 turning grey like mine?

04 NED: Blue. I'm sorry, my eyes are brown, and my hair is

05 brown. I did not have coffee this morning.

06 FLEMING: Sure. Where were you born?

07 NED: In Bulgaria, Slavia.

08 FLEMING: Do you have an email address?

09 NED: Yea.

10 FLEMING: What is it?

11 NED: Nedined - nedined@hotmail.com.

12 FLEMING: Any other email addresses?

13 NED: I have a few more.

14 FLEMING: Ok - Which one do you -

15 NED: This is the major - the other - yea, the main one.

16 FLEMING: The major one? Ok. Are you a U.S. Citizen now?

17 NED: Yes.

18 FLEMING: Naturalized?

19 NED: Yes.

20 FLEMING: When were you naturalized?

21 NED: Umm, I think it was 2005.

22 FLEMING: Ok. Do you work anywhere?

23 NED: I am self-employed.

24 FLEMING: And what type of work?

25 NED: I sell items on eBay.

00004:01 FLEMING: What is your Social Security Number?

02 NED: ***REDACTED***

03 FLEMING: You ever been in the military?

04 NED: Not in America. In Bulgaria, I have.

05 FLEMING: Do you have a passport?

06 NED: Yes.

07 FLEMING: A U.S. Passport?

08 NED: Yea.

09 FLEMING: And you have a driver's license?

10 NED: Yes.

11 FLEMING: A West Virginia driver's license?

12 NED: Uh huh.

13 FLEMING: Do you know your number?

14 NED: I don't.

15 FLEMING: Ok. I've got that here - F - Do you have any scars

or tattoos?

17 NED: Tattoos I don't have. Scars, um, right here maybe.

18 I don't know if it's - you can see it or not.

19 FLEMING: Ok.

20 NED: It's from childhood.

21 FLEMING: Ok. Do you bank anywhere?

22 NED: Yea.

23 FLEMING: Where do you bank?

24 NED: City National Bank and Chase Bank.

25 FLEMING: And what type of accounts do you have there,

00005:01 at City National?

02 NED: Umm, checking and savings.

03 Two checkings and one savings.

04 FLEMING: How about at Chase? What do you have at Chase?

05 NED: At Chase, I have a checking account

06 and a credit card.

07 FLEMING: Do you know the balances on those accounts?

08 NED: Approximately.

09 FLEMING: Ok, what's the approximate balance on

10 the Chase Account?

11 NED: In the Chase Account, in the moment

the checking one is about \$1,050.

13 FLEMING: Ok, and how about at City National

14 what are the balances?

15 NED: City National on the checking is about \$10,000.

16 FLEMING: Ok.

17 NED: And the savings is about \$57,000.

18 FLEMING: Fifty-seven thousand?

19 NED: Yea.

20 FLEMING: Do you have any brokerage accounts, investments?

21 NED: No.

22 FLEMING: Stocks?

23 NED: No.

24 FLEMING: How far did you go in school?

25 NED: Um, I have from Bulgaria, a technical degree for

00006:01	telecommunication	and	here	Ι	went	to	Summit

- O2 Community College for first computer technician
- 03 and then truck driver.
- 04 FLEMING: What is your phone number?
- 05 NED: 304-382-1266.
- 06 FLEMING: Is that a cell phone or a landline?
- 07 NED: Cell phone.
- 08 FLEMING: And who is the phone service carrier?
- 09 NED: AT&T.
- 10 FLEMING: Do you have a landline?
- 11 NED: No.
- 12 FLEMING: Ok. Do you have any other residences other than the
- one we arrested you at this morning?
- 14 NED: In the house?
- 15 FLEMING: Do you own any other property? Houses anywhere?
- 16 NED: Oh, um, in America, no, I don't.
- 17 FLEMING: Do you own any other vehicles
- other than the BMW in your garage?
- 19 NED: No.
- 20 FLEMING: Who was your former employer?
- 21 NED: I was working for a contractor at FedEx Ground here
- in Cross Lanes. His name is Mark.
- Oh, what was it -
- 24 FLEMING: And when did you last work there?
- 25 NED: I worked in the last up until March of 2013.

00007:01 FLEMING: And when did you start?

02 NED: Um, I start December, 2011.

03 FLEMING: Ok. And your supervisor's name was Mark?

04 NED: Mark Allen.

05 FLEMING: Mark Allen.

06 NED: Mark Allen, but he was a contractor for FedEx

07 and I was working for him.

08 FLEMING: Ok.

09 NED: His name company was something with Nick I cannot

10 remember. I cannot remember that name at all.

11 FLEMING: Do you have any relatives in the U.S.?

12 NED: Um, my ex-wife is here.

13 And my son from her lives with her right now.

14 FLEMING: What is your son's name?

15 NED: Martin Vladimirov.

16 FLEMING: Do you know a phone number for him?

17 NED: No, but I -

18 FLEMING: Where does he live, in town?

19 NED: No, he lives in York,

20 South Carolina with his mother.

21 FLEMING: What is his Mother's name?

22 NED: Desislava.

23 FLEMING: What - Spell it.

24 NED: Desislava.

25 FLEMING: Same last name as you?

	00008:01	NED:	Well, she just got married to somebody else, so her
)	02		last name is - oh, I cannot remember it.
	03	FLEMING:	Ok.
	04	NED:	Malt or something like this I think. I'm not sure.
	05	FLEMING:	Ok. All yours.
	06	SELBEE:	Alrighty. Um, so as we said earlier,
	07		we had an arrest warrant and a search warrant for
	08		your residence. And that's what you were picked up
	09		on today. I'm going to go ahead and tell you what
	10		your charges are and then we'll ask you a couple
	11		more questions and try to get your story behind it.
	12		Your, your two charges are for money laundering and
Λ.	13		engaging in monetary transactions and property
,	14		derived from specified unlawful activity.
	15		Those are the two official charges that,
	16		that we have an arrest warrant on you for.
	17		Um, you said there might be some kind of mistake
	18		when we picked you up earlier and that's going to be
	19		in regards to your business. If you want to go
	20		ahead and tell us - tell us what you have going on
	21		with your business - how you run it,
	22		and just start with that.
	23	NED:	Well basically I buy items and resell them on eBay.
	24		That's done very -
)	25	SELBEE:	Where do you buy the items from?

00009:01	NED:	Um locally here, in the States, usually from people
02		I run ads on Craigslist, or Facebook, and people
03		call me and sell stuff.
04		***REDACTED***
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06	SELBEE:	Do - so you meet the people just through Craigslist,
07		or is it a friend of a friend how do you meet your
08		clientele?
09	NED:	They call me usually I meet them somewhere close to
10		where I live, in Cross Lanes.
11	FLEMING:	The police officers that are searching your house
12		called and told me there is a safe,
13		I think in your bedroom -
14	NED:	Uh huh.
15	FLEMING:	Do you mind giving us the combination or tell us
16		where the key is so we can get in that safe so that
17		they won't have to break it open, because they will
18		look into it.
19	NED:	Ok, I can give you the code -
20	FLEMING:	What's the combination?
21	NED:	Um hold on just a second. 711105A.
22	FLEMING:	A?
23	NED:	The letter A. Yea. It was my ex-wife birthday,
24		so it's 711105A.
25	FLEMING:	Ok. And what is in the safe? What should they

00010:01		expect to find?
02	NED:	I don't really remember. Not much valuable.
03		I may have some gold that I purchased.
04		Some gold (inaudible) maybe something like this.
05	FLEMING:	Did you recognize any of the police officers today?
06	NED:	No.
07	FLEMING:	One of the police officers kept speaking to you did
08		you not recognize him as someone you
09		had bought stuff from?
10	NED:	Somebody said to me Hi Ned.
11	FLEMING:	Right. And when you bought items from him, you were
12		very concerned about his telephone and you were
13		looking through his telephone when you met him,
14		which is a pretty odd thing to do when you
15		meet some -
16	NED:	I was looking through his telephone.
17	FLEMING:	Uh huh, when you meet someone that you're going to
18	a .	buy from asking to look through their telephone.
19		Do you recall that?
20	NED:	Oh, I recall one guy, yea.
21	FLEMING:	Ok, tell us a little bit about that, Ned.
22		We have been investigating you, the Secret Service,
23		other law enforcement agents, for over a year.
24		We have a very good idea what you were doing,
25		and that's the reason that we're executing a federal

	00011:01		search warrant at your house today and have an arrest
)	02		warrant for ya. Would you like to tell us in your
	03		own words what you have been doing and how you were
	04		operating your business.
	05	NED:	What I told you - this is what I am doing.
	06	NED.	I am buying stuff from people who sell
	07		me stuff and that's it.
	08	SELBEE:	Ok. Did you realize the items that you were
	09		purchasing were stolen?
	10	NED:	No.
	11	SELBEE:	Ok.
	12	NED:	Stolen?
	13	SELBEE:	Did you ever direct guys on what to go - what
	14		type of items to go pick up for you?
	15	NED:	No.
	16	FLEMING:	How did you know what they were going to
	17		bring you to sell?
	18	NED:	They probably tell me.
	19	SELBEE:	You wouldn't direct them - they would just go out
	20		and bring you an item and then how did you -
	21	NED:	No - I don't direct anybody to do anything,
	22		of course. It's not my job.
	23	FLEMING;	Well some of the folks that have been caught
	24		stealing items at local retailers have told law
	25		enforcement that you directed them to steal

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00012:01		these items, you pay them a very much lower price
02		than the value of the items, and then you're selling
03		them on eBay.
04	NED:	Well I am selling on eBay what I purchase,
05		of course. But I'm not directing anybody to do
06		anything. I don't even know that those items
07		are stolen.
08	SELBEE:	Ok. I gave the officers the code that you gave me
09		721105A and they're not able to get in the -
10	NED:	Um 721105A. She's November 5th, 72, yea. Or -
11	FLEMING:	Alright they'll try it again.
12	SELBEE:	Are you having trouble remembering her Birthday?
13	NED:	No, this is the birthday, for sure - but I don't
14		remember whether was in this order - or was
15		something else. I think it was 721105.
16	FLEMING:	Ok, I had an extra one in there, so that may work.
17		Cause I had 7211105A. That's what I sent them the
18		first time.
19	NED:	Oh, it's -
20	SELBEE:	Yea, that's what I wrote down too.
21		You - he added an extra one when he first told us.
22		So that might work.
23	NED:	It's 721105.
24	SELBEE:	Yea.
25	FLEMING:	Were you did you have a business license?

00013:01 NED: I don't.

02 SELBEE: Do you have a business card?

03 NED: Yea.

04 SELBEE: What's your business called?

05 NED: Business card?

06 SELBEE: Called? What's the name on the card?

07 NED: Oh, business called.

08 SELBEE: Yea, what's the name on the card.

09 Your business card.

10 NED: No, no, I don't have a business - No, I have a

11 business card to give to the people advertise.

12 SELBEE: Yea, that's what I mean. What's the name

on that card?

14 NED: Ned Vladimirov.

15 FLEMING: How much have you sold on eBay in the last year?

16 What would what would you estimate your sales as?

17 NED: Um, probably \$150,000, something like this.

18 FLEMING: Ok, did you pay taxes on that money?

To the IRS - did you report that income?

20 NED: Yea.

21 FLEMING: You reported \$150,000 in sales to the IRS?

22 NED: Yes. Or maybe it was more than that.

But it was about (inaudible 16:56:55).

24 Phone ringing in background -

25 FLEMING: Hello Tad.

00014:01		Did the second code that I sent you work?
02		Yea, I had too many ones in there. So, I texted ya.
03		Yea. 721105A.
04	SELBEE:	How would you agree on a price to pay these people
05		when they brought you items?
06	NED:	I usually look up the item on eBay, how much it is,
07		and uh -
08	FLEMING:	Ned, there's some - they found ammunition at your
09		house for a weapon. Is there a weapon at the house?
10	NED:	Ok. There are three weapons.
11	FLEMING:	There's three weapons.
12	NED:	Yea.
13	FLEMING:	Where are they located?
14	NED:	Two of them are in the closet.
15	FLEMING:	Ok.
16	NED:	One is on the top -
17	FLEMING:	Which closet? The bedroom?
18	NED:	The master. Yea, the master. When you enter,
19		on the top - there's one then- next to the
20		ammunition there must be another one.
21	\".	And um, my bed, on the right side - on the floor
22		behind the wall and the, and the bed.
23	FLEMING:	Ok. What type of weapons are they,
24		rifles or handguns?
25	NED:	I have one handgun, one rifle and one - it's

00015:01		assault rifle. I think.
02	FLEMING:	(Talking on the phone in the background)
03		Tad, did you hear that? Hello, hello?
04		Yeah, did you hear what he was telling us.
05	SELBEE:	How long you been running your store?
06	FLEMING:	(in background on the phone - He's got an assault
07		rifle, a rifle, and they should be on the shelf
08		(inaudible) and he's got - he's got a handgun down
09		beside the bed - behind the bed
10		of the master bedroom.)
11	NED:	Three-four years, maybe.
12	SELBEE:	Do you have the same people that keep coming to
13		you and selling you items or is it different people?
14	NED:	Uh sometimes the same people are coming, yes.
15		But usually they are different.
16	SELBEE:	So why did you ask to see that guy's phone the other
17		day when you were making that buy - you were buying
18		items off of him?
19	NED:	It was an interesting phone.
20	SELBEE:	What kind of phone was it?
21	NED:	I have never seen it before, that's why I asked
22		him some kind of brand that -
23	FLEMING:	Well Ned, you know we don't want you to get in
24		any more trouble for telling us a story and in
25		a few minutes we'll take you over to the federal

	courthouse to take you to the U.S. Marshals Service
	and then we'll schedule we'll try to get you
	scheduled to see a federal judge today.
	But again, we've been ourselves and local
	enforcement have been investigating you for a while,
	and you know, watching you go to stores, the post
	office mailing stuff and getting folks that
	you know, are less fortunate than you, maybe have
	drug addictions or whatever, to go boost stuff,
	to go steal stuff at stores, high-end dot things
	that are small, and then those things are then
	brought back to you, you're paying them a much
	lower price than the things are really worth or
	would cost new, and then you're selling them on
	eBay and making a huge amount of money.
	The figure that you gave me was much lower than
	the sales that eBay says that you are conducting. So
NED:	For a year?
SELBEE:	Uh huh.
NED:	I can pull it out of eBay if it says on the eBay
	for twelve, for the last twelve months what it is
	exactly so I don't think it's over
	\$200,000 or something.
FLEMING:	Ok. What's your eBay account listed under?
	Do you know the account number or email address?
	SELBEE:

00017:01 NED: Uh it's nedined@hotmail.com.

02 SELBEE: Ok. The items that you sell, where do you keep

03 those at?

04 NED: At home.

05 SELBEE: You just keep them at you don't have a storage

unit or anything you keep items anywhere?

07 NED: No, I don't

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12 END

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